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TAGS: OVIP, US, NI  
SUBJECT: OBASANJO VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 175412, (B) LAGOS 8423

1. MEA INFORMED EMBASSY BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE THAT OCTOBER  
12-13 DATES FOR OBASANJO VISIT ACCEPTABLE TO GON.  
SUBSTANCE NOTE, CONTAINING DESIRED SCHEDULE, FOLLOW:  
QUOTE: THE MINISTRY WISHES TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE HEAD OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERN-  
MENT HAS ACCEPTED TO PAY THE VISIT FROM OCTOBER  
12-13, HOWEVER, IT IS REGRETTEED THAT PRIOR OFFICIAL  
COMMITMENTS OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE HEAD OF THE FEDERAL  
MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN NIGERIA WILL NOT PERMIT HIM TO  
SPEND ADDITIONAL FOUR DAYS WHICH HE CAN SPEND OUTSIDE  
WASHINGTON IF HE SO DESIRES. THE ITINERARY OF HIS  
EXCELLENCY THE HEAD OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
IS AS FOLLOWS:

OCTOBER 9 - DEPART FROM LAGOS TO NEW YORK  
OCTOBER 10 - IN NEW YORK TO MEET NIGERIANS  
- HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL  
OCTOBER 11 - ADDRESS UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.  
- DEPART FOR WASHINGTON

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OCTOBER 12 )  
)- IN WASHINGTON  
OCTOBER 13) -  
OCTOBER 14 - DEPART FOR LAGOS  
THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WISHES TO INFORM THE  
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAT IT IS THE  
HOPE AND DESIRE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE HEAD OF THE FEDERAL

MILITARY GOVERNMENT THAT THE TWO DAYS AND NIGHTS WHICH HE WILL SPEND IN WASHINGTON WILL BE ENOUGH TO PERMIT HIM TO HAVE :

- (A) DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER
- (B) MEETING WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND
- (C) MEETING WITH THE NIGERIAN COMMUNITY. END QUOTE.

2. AMERICAS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR MUSA CONFIDED TO POL COUNSELOR THAT OBASANJO WOULD PREFER TO SPEND ONLY TWO DAYS IN WASHINGTON BUT REMAINS FLEXIBLE IF THREE DAYS REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH SCHEDULE.

3. MUSA SUGGESTED TENTATIVELY (SUBJECT TO INTERNAL CONFIRMATION) THAT JOINT PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT BE RELEASED FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 0800 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME AND 1300 HOURS LAGOS TIME. EMBOFF AGREED TOSSUBMIT DRAFT TEXT OF PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR MEA APPROVAL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON FEASIBILITY OF OBASANJO'S SCHEDULE AND TEXT PROPOSED PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT.  
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